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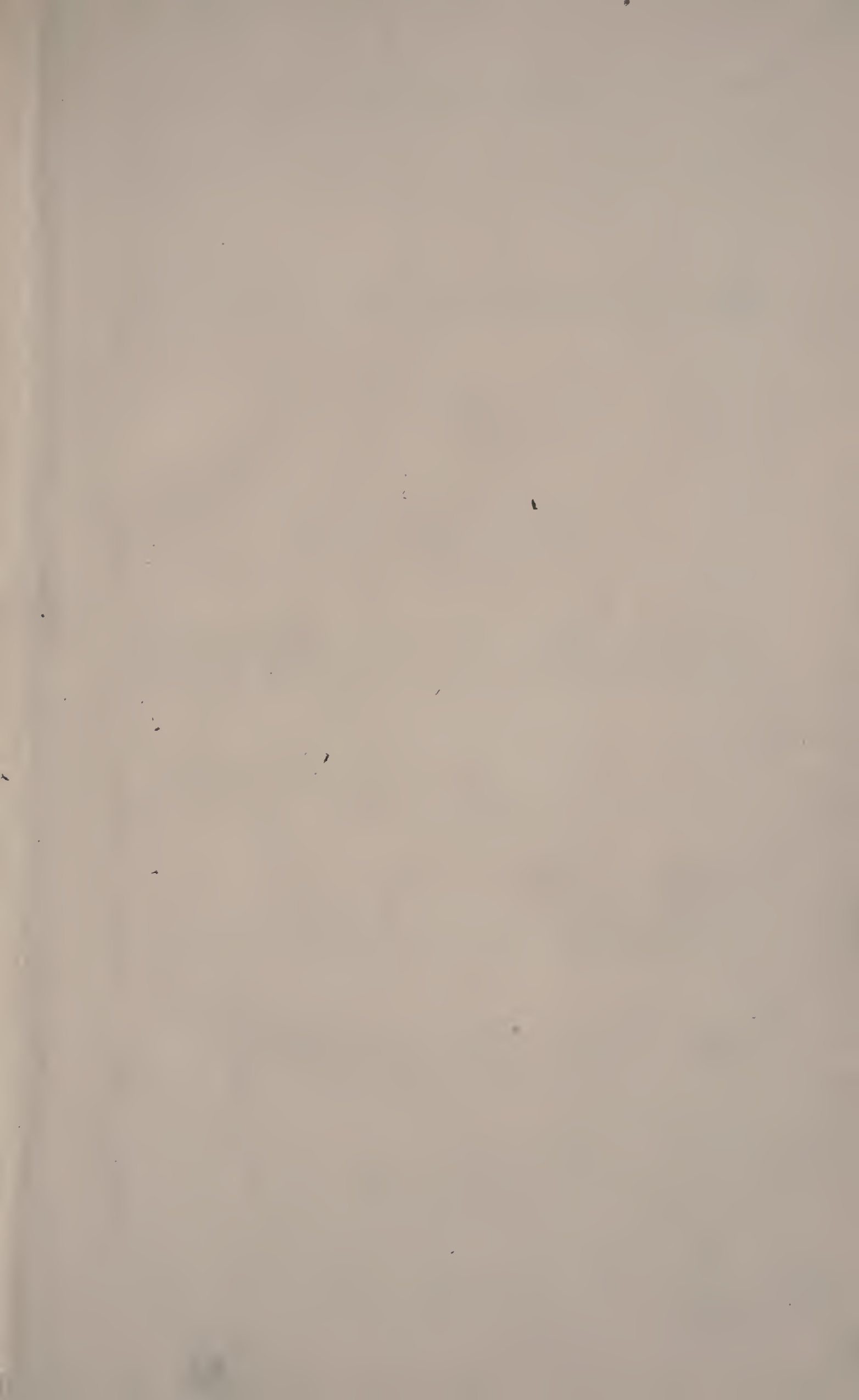
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STATEMENT
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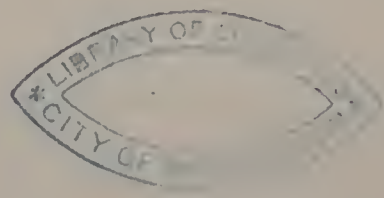
Geographical and Statistical

Society,

WITH A COPY OF ITS CHARTER,

BY-LAWS, &C., &C.

NEW-YORK, 1856.



OBJECTS & PLANS

OF THE SOCIETY.

The object of the Society is the advancement of Geographical and Statistical Science, by the collection and diffusion of knowledge in those branches.

Among the measures at present contemplated for this purpose are the following :

1. A collection of the most valuable maps and books of reference on Geography and Statistics, from all countries, to be deposited and kept for public use, under proper regulations.

2. Stated meetings on Thursday of every week, (July, August and September excepted,) open to the public, for the reading of valuable papers on Geographical and Statistical subjects, collected from all quarters, with conversational discussions, personal narratives of explorers and travellers, &c.

3. A Bulletin of the Society's transactions and collections, published periodically, furnished to all members, and sent in exchange to kindred institutes in all countries.

4. To obtain, through the kind coöperation of the Foreign Consuls resident here, the latest, completest and most authentic information, publications, and public documents, from their respective countries. Several Consuls of leading Governments have already expressed a warm interest, and pledged a hearty coöperation in this branch of our plans.

5. By correspondence with Missionaries, Officers of the Army and Navy, and others, to increase the extent and accuracy of Geographical and Statistical knowledge.

6. Originating and assisting in explorations of undescribed regions, and in voyages of discovery.

Contributions in aid of these several plans will be thankfully received and acknowledged, whether of maps and works of reference, papers and communications on topics of interest, recent and reliable information concerning any part of the world, or means to defray the unavoidable expenses of the Society.

ORIGIN OF THE SOCIETY.

The first attempts towards the formation of the Society originated in 1850, from suggestions by several gentlemen, among whom the name of GEORGE FOLSOM, Esq., now the U. S. Chargé d'Affaires in Belgium, deserves to be mentioned. The importance of such a Society was sufficiently obvious; the only question was who should undertake the labor and responsibility connected with it. At length a public meeting was held on the 9th of October, 1851, at Mr. Disturnell's Rooms in Broadway, and an organization was effected by the choice of the following officers:

President, Henry Grinnell; *Vice-Presidents*, Joshua Leavitt, Henry E. Pierrepont, Archibald Russell, Freeman Hunt; *Treasurer*, Charles Congdon; *Foreign Corresponding Secretary*, S. De Witt Bloodgood; *Secretary and Agent*, John Disturnell; *Recording Secretary*, Charles A. Dana; *Executive Committee*, A. J. Cotheal, J. Calvin Smith, Lewis Gregory, Hiram Barney, L. B. Wyman, G. P. Putnam, H. J. Raymond, Paul Arpin, and M. D. Bean.

A room for the Society's meetings was subsequently procured in the New York University, and application was made to the Legislature the same year for a Charter; and a bill granting a Charter passed both Houses without objection, but was vetoed by the Governor. It was, therefore deemed advisable to obtain a charter

of incorporation by a Certificate under the general law for the Incorporation of Scientific and Benevolent Societies. The necessary steps were completed on the 22d of May, 1852, when the Society was Incorporated under the Laws of the State of New York, and was organized by the election of the following officers :

President—George Bancroft. *First Vice-President*—Henry Grinnell. *Second Vice-President*—Francis L. Hawks, D. D.—
Third Vice-President—John C. Zimmerman, sen.

Treasurer—Charles Congdon.

Reading Secretary—M. Dudley Bean.

Foreign Corresponding Secretary—S. De Witt Bloodgood.

Domestic Corresponding Secretary—Archibald Russell.

Librarian—Joshua Leavitt.

Trustees—Henry E. Pierrepont, Alexander J. Cotheal, J. Calvin Smith, Hiram Barney, John Jay, Edmund Blunt, Luther B. Wyman, J. Carson Brevoort, Cambridge Livingston, Henry V. Poor.

The Society acted under this Charter till the 11th day of May, 1854, at which time it was re-organized under a *Special* Charter, of which the following is a copy :

CHARTER.

AN ACT

TO INCORPORATE THE AMERICAN GEOGRAPHICAL AND
STATISTICAL SOCIETY,

PASSED APRIL 13, 1854.

The People of the State of New York, Represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

§ 1. George Bancroft, Henry Grinnell, Francis L. Hawks, John C. Zimmerman, Archibald Russell, Joshua Leavitt, William C. H. Waddell, Ridley Watts, S. De Witt Bloodgood, M. Dudley Bean, Hiram Barney, Alexander J. Cotheal, Luther B. Wyman, John Jay, J. Calvin Smith, Henry V. Poor, Cambridge Livingston, Edmund Blunt, Alexander W. Bradford and their associates, who are now or may become hereafter associated for the purposes of this act, are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of the American Geographical and Statistical Society, for the purpose of collecting and diffusing geographical and statistical information.

§ 2. For the purposes aforesaid the said Society shall possess the general powers and privileges, and be subject to the general liabilities contained in the third title of the eighteenth chapter of the first part of the revised statutes, so far as the same may be applicable and may not have been modified or repealed; but the real and personal estate which the said society shall be authorized

to take, hold and convey, over and above its library, maps, charts, instruments and collections, shall not at any time exceed an amount, the clear yearly income of which shall be ten thousand dollars.

§ 3. The officers of the said Society shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Librarian and Treasurer, and such other officers as may from time to time be provided for by the by-laws of the said Society.

§ 4. The said Society, for fixing the terms of admission of its members, for the government of the same, for changing and altering the officers above named, and for the general regulation and management of its transactions and affairs, shall have power to form a code of by-laws not inconsistent with the laws of this State or of the United States, which code, when formed and adopted at a regular meeting shall, until modified or rescinded, be equally binding as this act upon the said Society, its officers and its members.

§ 5. The Legislature may at any time alter or repeal this act.

§ 6. This act to take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
Secretary's Office. }

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and hereby certify the same to be a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law.



Given under my hand and seal of office at the city of Albany, this thirteenth day of April, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-four.

A. G. JOHNSTON,

Dep. Sec'y of State.

OFFICERS

ELECTED DECEMBER 7TH, 1854.

President,

FRANCIS L. HAWKS, D. D.

Vice Presidents,

HENRY GRINNELL, M. F. MAURY, U. S. N.,
HON. ALEX. W. BRADFORD.

Treasurer,

RIDLEY WATTS.

Recording Secretary,

ARCHIBALD RUSSELL.

Domestic Corresponding Secretary,

HENRY V. POOR.

Foreign Corresponding Secretary

S. DEWITT BLOODGOOD.

Librarian,

M. DUDLEY BEAN.

Council,

J. R. BRODHEAD,	HENRY E. PIERREPONT,
HIRAM BARNEY,	CAMBRIDGE LIVINGSTON,
JOHN JAY,	W. C. H. WADDELL,
JOHN D. JONES,	MARSHALL LEFFERTS,
	R. H. WITTHAUS.

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HON. ALEX. W. BRADFORD.

Treasurer,

RIDLEY WATTS.

Recording Secretary,

W. C. H. WADDELL.

Assistant Recording Secretary,

FREDERICK G. BURNHAM.

Domestic Corresponding Secretary,

H. E. PIERREPONT.

Foreign Corresponding Secretary,

JOHN JAY.

Librarian,

J. CALVIN SMITH.

Council,

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HIRAM BARNEY, R. H. WITTHAUS,
JOHN JAY, MARSHALL LEFFERTS,
HENRY V. POOR, F. A. CONKLIN,
THOMAS F. HARRISON.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL,

FOR THE YEARS 1855-6.

On Topics and Proceedings,

MESSRS. POOR, BARNEY, & LIVINGSTON.

On Printing,

MESSRS. PIERREPONT, BEAN, & POOR.

On the Library,

MESSRS. SMITH, LEFFERTS, & WITTHAUS.

On Recent Discoveries and Publications,

MESSRS. HARRISON, CONKLIN, & WITTHAUS.

The Chairman of the Council and Recording Secretary are Ex-Officio Members of the several Standing Committees.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

American Geographical and Statistical Society.

MEMBERS.

I. The Society shall consist of *Ordinary*, *Corresponding*, *Honorary*, and *Ex-officio Members*. *Corresponding Members* shall be limited to those who have advanced by their publications or services, the Science of Geography or Statistics; *Honorary Members*, to those who have distinguished themselves in the Science of Geography or Statistics, but at no time to exceed twenty persons. *Ex-officio Members* shall be—the Foreign Ministers and Consuls resident in the United States, and American Ministers and Consuls resident abroad.

II. Persons desirous of joining the Society as ordinary members shall be nominated to the Society or the Council in writing, and if recommended by the Council, shall, when elected by the Society, on the payment of the Initiation fee of ten dollars, become members.

Honorary or Corresponding Members may be elected by the Society, on the recommendation of the Council.

Ex-officio Members shall be enrolled, on their own request, or by vote of the Council.

ANNUAL DUES.

III. The Annual Dues of Ordinary Members shall be Five Dollars.

Should any Member refuse to pay the Annual Dues when called upon, or neglect the payment for two years successively, the Council may erase his name from the list of Members.

OFFICERS.

IV. The officers of the Society are—

A PRESIDENT,
THREE VICE-PRESIDENTS,
A FOREIGN CORRESPONDING SECRETARY,
A DOMESTIC CORRESPONDING SECRETARY,
A RECORDING SECRETARY,
AN ASSISTANT RECORDING SECRETARY,
A TREASURER, and
A LIBRARIAN.

They shall be elected annually by ballot, and shall hold their offices respectively for one year, and until others shall be chosen in their places.

The officers of the Society shall be members of the Council ex-officio.

ANNUAL MEETING.

V. The Society shall hold its Annual Meeting on the first Thursday of December yearly, when the Officers and nine Councilmen shall be chosen by ballot, a majority of votes being necessary for a choice on the first balloting; but where no choice is effected to any office on the first trial, a further balloting shall take place, at which a plurality of votes shall elect.

MONTHLY AND SPECIAL MEETINGS.

VI. The Society shall meet regularly for the transaction of business, at its room, on the first Thursday in every month, unless otherwise specially ordered. But the President, or in his absence any of the Vice-Presidents, may, and upon the written request of any fifteen Members shall, call a special meeting, giving three days' notice thereof, in two public newspapers printed in the city of New York, and a special notice of at least three days, sent through the post-office, to each Ordinary Member.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

VII. At the regular meetings of the Society, the following shall be the order of business:

1. The reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

2. Report of the Council.
3. Reports and communications from officers of the Society.
4. Reports from committees.
5. Miscellaneous business.
6. Papers read, and Addresses delivered before the Society.

QUORUM.

VIII. At all meetings of the Society, eight members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

PRESIDING OFFICER.

IX. The President, or in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents, or in their absence a Chairman *pro tempore*, shall preside at all the meetings of the Society, and shall have a casting vote. He shall preserve order, and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Society. He shall also appoint all Committees authorized by the Society, unless otherwise specially ordered.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

X. The Corresponding Secretaries shall conduct the general correspondence of the Society. They shall have the custody of all letters and communications to the Society, excepting papers read and addresses delivered before the same, which shall be deposited in the Library. They shall, at every meeting of the Society, read such letters and communications as they may have received; they shall prepare all letters to be written in connection with the business or objects of the Society, and transmit the same; but the Society may appoint a Committee to prepare a letter or letters, on any special occasion. They shall keep, in suitable books to be provided for that purpose, true copies of all letters written on behalf of the Society; and shall carefully preserve the originals of all letters and communications received.

The duties of the Foreign Corresponding Secretary shall be limited to the correspondence with individuals or associate bodies in foreign countries; and those of the Domestic Corresponding Secretary shall, in like manner, be confined to the United States;

except that in the absence of either of these officers, or during a vacancy in either office, its duties shall be performed by the remaining incumbent, until such absence shall terminate, or the vacancy be supplied.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

XI. The Recording Secretary shall have the custody of the Seal, Charter, By-Laws, and Records of the Society. He shall, under the direction of the President, or either of the Vice-Presidents, give due notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Society, and attend the same. He shall keep fair and accurate records of all the proceedings and orders of the Society; and shall give notice to the several officers, and to the Trustees and Committees, of all votes, orders, resolves, and proceedings of the Society, affecting them, or appertaining to their respective duties.

LIBRARIAN.

XII. The Librarian, under the direction of the Board of Trustees, shall have the charge and superintendence of the rooms, and the custody and arrangement of the books, maps, and other articles belonging to the Library and Collections of the Society. He shall acknowledge the receipt of donations to the Society in his department.

TREASURER.

XIII. The Treasurer shall collect and keep the funds and securities of the Society, and shall disburse and dispose of the same under the direction of the Council.

COUNCIL.

XIV. The Council shall have the control and management of the affairs, property, and funds of the Society.

Five members shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

They shall have power to fill any vacancy that may occur among the Officers or Council of the Society.

They shall make their own by-laws, which shall not be inconsistent with these by-laws.

They shall meet at least once in every month, for the transaction of business, except during the months of July, August, and September.

If any member of the Council shall be absent from its meetings for three successive months, without reasons satisfactory to the Council, his place may be declared vacant, by a vote of the Council; but this rule shall not apply to the President or Vice-Presidents.

Any officer or member of the Council may be removed from his place by the Council, for cause, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a meeting, provided such two-thirds shall be equal in number to a majority of the whole Council.

The Council shall not make any contract involving a liability exceeding the sum of five hundred dollars, nor make any sale or disposition of the property of the Society, exceeding in value that sum, without an approving vote of the Society at a regular meeting.

No debt shall be contracted whereby the aggregate debts of the Society shall be increased more than \$1,000 above the unappropriated funds at the time in the treasury; and no debt shall be incurred until it shall have been approved by the Council.

ALTERATION OF BY-LAWS.

XV. No alteration in the By-Laws of the Society shall be made, unless such alteration shall have been openly proposed at a previous meeting, and entered on the minutes, with the name of the Member proposing the same, and unless it shall be adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the Members present at a regular meeting of the Society.

BY-LAWS OF THE COUNCIL.

1. The Council shall elect its own Chairman and Secretary.
2. Stated meetings of the Council shall be held at the rooms of the Society every Thursday, excepting during the months of July, August and September, and at such other times as the Council may determine.
3. Special meetings may be called at any time, by the Secretary, by direction of the Chairman, or upon the written request of five Members of the Council.
4. The order of business shall be as follows :—
 1. Reading the Minutes.
 2. Report of Treasurer.
 3. Report of the Librarian and Superintendent.
 4. Reports of Committees.
 5. Consideration of Nominations.
 6. Unfinished business.
 7. Miscellaneous business.
 8. Papers and communications to the Council may be read at any time, at the discretion of the Chairman.
5. There shall be four Standing Committees, to be called :
 1. Committee on topics and proceedings.
 2. Committee on Printing.
 3. Committee on the Library.
 4. Committee on recent discoveries and Publications.
6. The Committee on Topics and Proceedings shall procure suitable papers to be read before the Society, or before the Council, and recommend topics of discussion at the several meetings.

7. The Committee on Printing, shall prepare the Bulletin, and superintend the printing and publication thereof. They shall also prepare, for printing, all blanks, diplomas, notices and other documents required for the transaction of the Society's business.
8. The Committee on the Library and Finance, shall have charge of the property of the Society, shall make the requisite arrangements for the preservation thereof, arrange the hours during which the rooms shall be opened; shall provide for the accommodation of all meetings of, and Lectures before the Society or Council.
9. The Committee on Recent Discoveries and Publications, shall procure and present to the Society, or Council, from time to time, notices, abstracts, and reviews of recent books, reports, tables, maps, and other documents, relating to Geography or Statistics.
10. The Standing Committees shall each consist of three members, to which shall be added the Chairman and Recording Secretary, as ex-officio members. Two members shall constitute a quorum.
11. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to call the attention of the Council to the continued absence of any member for three successive months, and to submit to the Council the propriety of acting under the By-law of the Society, provided for such cases.
12. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the names of those present at each meeting of the Council.
13. Special meetings of the Council may always be held after meetings of the Society, without further notice.
14. These By-Laws may be temporarily suspended, by the vote of the majority of the members present at any meeting, but no amendment or addition thereto, shall be made, except by a vote of a majority of the members of the Council, at a meeting subsequent to one at which notice of such amendment or addition shall have been given.

LIST OF ORDINARY MEMBERS.

Arpin, Paul
Alsop, Joseph W.
Astor, John Jacob

Bean, Moses Dudley
Bloodgood, S. DeWitt
Blunt, Edmund
Blunt, George W.
Bird, George
Burtus, James A.
Brower, John H.
Baird, Rev. Robert D. D.

Brevoort. J. Carson

Cotheal, Alex. J.
Chauncey, William
Collins, Edward K.
Cutting, Fulton
Colton, George
Congdon, Charles
Crooks, Ramsey
Culbert, F. W.

Dinsmore, Curran
Disturnell, John
Davis, Charles

Appleton, John A.
Allen, William H.
Aspinwall. W. H.

Butler, Charles.
Bradford, Hon. Alex. W.
Burrell, John E.
Bogert, H. K.
Bonney, Benj. W.
Brady, William V.
Brown, William A.
Burnham, Fred. G.

Conklin, Frederick A.
Chandler, J. Winthrop
Cooper, Peter
Coddington, T. B.
Coles, Jeremiah
Camp, Hugh N.
Codwise, David
Cooper. Edward

Davison, Edward F.
Dunshee, Henry W.
Dambmann, Charles F.

Daley. Charles P.

Elliot, Samuel M.

Eyre, Henry S. P.

Francis, John W. M. D.

Fearing, Daniel B.

French, Benjamin F.

Flemming, Augustus

Field, Maunsel B.

Foster, F. G.

Grinnell, Henry

Grinnell, Moses H.

Grinnell, Cornelius

Gaillard, Joseph

Gilbert. Charles T.

Hasbrook, Hon. A. Bruyer

Hawks, Rev. Francis L., D. D.

Hargous, Peter A.

Hunt, Wilson G.

Jones, John D.

Jones, Rev. Lott

Kane, Dr. E. K.

Kimball, Richard B.

Knapp, Shepard

Kingsland. Ambrose C.

Leavitt, Joshua

Lawrence, Alex. M.

M'Kay, James

Moor, G. H.

Morse, Sidney E.

Morgan, Capt. E. E.

Moran, Charles

M'Vicker, W. H.

Ely, Charles

Embury. Daniel

Fish, Hon. Hamilton

Frost, Joseph B.

Field, Cyrus W.

Fisher, Richard S. M. D.

Fosdick, W. W.

Frazer. Maj. W. D. U. S. A.

Gregory, Lewis

Goodhue, Robert C.

Green James,

Grant, J. Hastings

Hearn, George A.

Hewitt, Abraham S.

Hart, M. G.

Harrison. Thomas F.

Johnson, Bradish

Johnson. John T.

Kennedy, R. Lenox

King, Charles L. L. D.

Kearney, Edward

Lefferts, Marshall

Latson. John W.

M'Alpin, William J.

Merriam, E.

Mitchell, Matthew

Morton, A. C.

Meyers. T. Bailey

Oakley, Henry A.

Osgood. Rev. Samuel

Poor, Henry V.

Pullen, Maj. John A.

Pratt, Zadock

Pell John Augustus,

Pratt, George W.

Pierrepoint Edward,

Prince. Frederick

Robinson, Henry B.

Robertson, Daniel A.

Rutherford, Lewis Morris

Redfield, W. C.

Ruggles, Samuel B.

Rutherford, Robert W.

Russell, Charles H.

Rockwell. C. W.

Smith, I. Calvin

Seymour, Hon. Horatio

Stevens, Dr. Alex. W.

Schroeter, George

Stevens, Rev. Abel

Sewall, Henry F.

Sibell, W. E.

Squier, George E.

Strong, Charles E.

Stuart, Robert L.

Stetson, Charles A.

Sears, Herman B.

Stout, Aquila G.

Skidmore, Samuel T.

Smith, Dr. I. M.

Shaffner, T. P.

Satterthwaite, T. B.

Sears. Alfred

Tomes, Benjamin

Tomes, Francis Jr.

Thompson, Rev. J. P.

Taylor, George

Tabor, Charles C.

Tellkamp, T. A., M. D.

Thurston. F. G.

Vinton, Rev. Francis D. D.

Viele. Lieut. Egbert

Wyman, Luther B.

Winthrop, Benjamin R.

Waddell, W. Coventry H.

Wendall, John

Watts, Robert M. D.

Wright, William W.

Webb, William H.

Wheeler, David E.

Ward, Augustus H.

Wells, Jacob

Wetmore. Samuel

Zimmerman. John C.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

CHEVALIER NEGRI of Turin, Sardinia.

G. BUNGHALL WATTS of Carthagen, New Granada.

Gov. ISAAC I. STEVENS, Washington Territory, U. S.

BENJAMIN M. NORMAN.

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MISS S. S. CORNELL, N. Y.

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JOHN S. MEEHAN, Washington, D. C.

ASHBURY DICKENS do. do.

HON. W. H. SEWARD, Auburn, N. Y.

I. C. OLRICK—Royal Inspector of North Greenland.

Ex-Gov. HORATIO SEYMOUR.

DR. E. K. KANE, U. S. N.

EDWARD R. SMITH, of Washington, D. C.

COL. THOMAS W. WARD, U. S. Consul at Panama.

LIEUT M. F. MAURY, U. S. N.

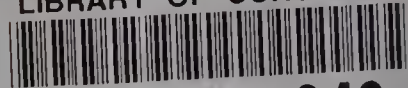
LIFE MEMBERS.

HON. GEORGE BANCROFT.
 HON. J. ROMEYN BRODHEAD,
 HIRAM BARNEY.
 ALEXANDER J. COTHEAL.
 J. H. COLTON.
 H. W. FIELD.
 JOHN JAY.
 CAMBRIDGE LIVINGSTON.
 HENRY E. PIERREPONT.
 ARCHIBALD RUSSELL.
 REV. EDWARD ROBINSON, D. D.
 RIDLEY WATTS.
 GUSTAVUS H. WITTHAUS.
 RUDOLPH H. WITTHAUS.

NOTE.—The Initiation Fee of *Ten* Dollars includes the annual subscription of five dollars for the *first* year.

The Rooms of the Society are at present at the New York University, but it is expected that on the completion of the Cooper Institute, through the liberality of Mr. Cooper, the rooms of the Society will hereafter be permanently established in that magnificent fire-proof edifice,

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